

## **Congressman Wynn Receives Port Security Briefing**

Oct. 9, 2003 Baltimore – Fourth Congressional District Representative Albert Wynn visited the Seagirt and Dundalk Marine Terminals today, to review the Port's security situation. His hands-on tour was hosted by Security Chief Melvin Jackson, and highlighted by viewing the ultra-modern, non-intrusive gamma ray container screening device, VACIS (Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System), in action.

Jackson also explained recent security improvements and how upcoming grants from the Department of Homeland Security would be utilized. He noted that recent acquisitions included high-tech surveillance equipment, lighting apparatus, and a state-of-the-art patrol boat.

The Congressman received an introductory briefing on the success of the Maryland Port Administration's Strategic Plan and its future needs from Executive Director James White and former Congresswoman and longtime Port advocate, Helen Delich Bentley.

Rep. Wynn, who sits on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, was particularly interested in the Port of Baltimore's relationship with the railroads, its ability to attract new overseas customers, and the potential for developing warehousing and distribution centers along the Route 301 Corridor.

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